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Re: Our homelessness crisis

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Hi Mitch .. Please ask other States to stop
sending and providing a one way
ticket to California (good weather,
High General Relief) ..
There is no bus to Hawaii!
Good to see you last Thursday!
Always your friend in HiFi,
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2019, at 9:43 AM, Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org> wrote:

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Friends:

This week the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority released the results of the annual Homeless Count. In 2019, volunteers counted 36,300 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles -- a 16 percent increase over the previous year.

The count also provided numbers for each of the 15 City Council Districts. The 13th District actually saw a decrease of 13 people experiencing homelessness. The previous year, the 13th District had a 10% decrease. Still - one unhoused person in this city is one too many, and we have thousands of people in urgent need.

As this decades-long crises continues, we must keep in mind that while this issue won't be resolved overnight, we are making progress in the area of providing housing and services.

Over the last several months, we placed more than 100 individuals into emergency and permanent housing in the 13th District -- and the work continues. The city's first measure HHH project is currently under construction (and past the halfway point!) in the 13th District. It will provide 187 new units of permanent housing for the formerly homeless.

Here are some of the additional actions we have taken, and ones in progress, to help folks get into housing and receive services:

East Hollywood

Mobile Pit Stop Service - Santa Monica/Vermont Metro

Echo Park

Safe Parking Program at Edendale Library

Mobile Pit Stop Service - Alvarado/101

Free Laundry Service - 1 Wash /1 Dry

Permanent Supportive Housing on Glendale Blvd

Hollywood

Bridge Housing Facility on Schrader

YWCA Women's Shelter

Mobile Pit Stop Service on Ivar Ave

Safe Parking Program at Melrose/Wilton

Rampart

Exploring Safe Parking Pilot Program for RVs

Exploring Mobile Pit Stop Service

Exploring Weekly Trash Service with Bureau of Sanitation

Exploring Laundry Service

My office continues to address homelessness across the 13th District on a daily basis. It is the number one most requested issue when people contact us. I am working directly with our service partners to reduce homelessness and provide more rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and other forms of stabilized housing. This will continue to be an urgent priority across Los

Angeles.

My goal is to establish initiatives that will lift people out of poverty while addressing the fundamental causes of homelessness. This is my priority as the Chair of the *Homelessness and Poverty Committee*, and I know that together we can reverse the trajectory of the number one challenge we face in the city of Los Angeles.

Kind regards,



MITCH O'FARRELL

COMING UP

[WED 6/12](#) LGBT HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

[FRI 7/12](#) LOTUS FESTIVAL KICKOFF

[SAT/SUN 7/13 - 7/14](#) LOTUS FESTIVAL AT ECHO PARK LAKE

SAT 7/27 ECHO PARK FILM SERIES

HEADLINES

Homeless Count shows sharp increases [[Beverly Press](#)]

Three Olympians will share their stories at Outsports Pride [[Outsports](#)]

Real to Reel on Hollywood Boulevard [[Blade](#)]

Los Angeles Community College District holds Lavender Graduation [[Blade](#)]

TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE



MITCH O'FARRELL

COUNCILMEMBER, 13TH DISTRICT ★ CITY OF LOS ANGELES



BEFORE

AFTER



HOLLYWOOD - The Council District 13 Clean Team helped clear the sidewalk by picking up palm fronds and other debris on Willoughby Ave and N El Centro Ave. If you see an area that needs attention, please call our Echo Park District Office at (213) 207-3015.

SUCCESS: FROM THE STREET TO SERVICE



ECHO PARK - Congratulations to Johnny McCrary, who is advancing his career and will soon work as a case manager for *Good Seed*, a re-entry program in Los Angeles. McCrary worked as an Ambassador for the City's Mobile Pit Stop program at the Alvarado St and the 101 Freeway location for close to a year. Johnny's supervisors continually received reports that he excelled in his role to help the local homeless population. In his new role, Johnny will continue to assist the re-entry population with his desire to help others in need. Congrats Johnny, on all your success!

VIDEO: GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY



CITY HALL - On Wednesday, Councilmember O'Farrell and his Council colleagues Paul Krekorian and Paul Koretz recognized National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The horrific mass shootings in the United States underscore the epidemic plaguing our country, and the needed gun safety measures to prevent future tragedies.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

PRIDE AT THE HOLLYWOOD MUSEUM



HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember O'Farrell and the LGBT community celebrated the opening of the annual *Reel to Real* exhibit at The Hollywood Museum! Thank you Donelle Dadigan and your team for curating the memorabilia every year to honor the outstanding contributions of the LGBT community in film and television. During the event, the Museum honored Lily Tomlin & Jane Wagner with the *Hollywood Trailblazer Award*, Lisa Vanderpump with the *Hollywood Legacy Award*, and Tyler Henry with the *Future of Hollywood Award*. Congrats to all the honorees and thank you to those who came out! Be sure to visit The Hollywood Museum while the exhibit is on display through September.

[MORE INFO](#)

LACC FIRST-EVER LAVENDER GRADUATION



EAST HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember O'Farrell was a keynote speaker last weekend for the Los Angeles City College Lavender Graduation. This ceremony honored and celebrated LGBTQ+ graduates, and in his remarks, Councilmember O'Farrell encouraged the class to conjure their built-in resiliency and strength to help change the world and take nothing for granted. Congratulations, graduates!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



HOLLYWOOD - An annual tradition at the Hollywood High School Graduation Ceremony -- Councilmember O'Farrell snapped a selfie with the Class of 2019! Congrats Sheiks, and best of luck in your future endeavors!

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